

WHAT IS CLAIMED AS NEW AND IS INTENDED TO BE SECURED BY LETTERS PATENT IS:

1. A cleansing composition, which comprises:

at least one phosphate surfactant, at least one foaming nonionic surfactant and at least one cationic polymer devoid of saccharide groups in an aqueous medium, the composition having the appearance of a transparent gel.

2. The composition according to Claim 1, which has a turbidity ranging from 2 to 500 NTU.

3. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the phosphate surfactant is selected from the group consisting of monoalkyl phosphates, dialkyl phosphates, their salts and their mixtures.

4. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the phosphate surfactant is selected from the group consisting of monolauryl phosphate, the potassium salt of dodecyl phosphate, a mixture of the octyl monoester and the octyl diester of phosphoric acid, a mixture of ethoxylated (7 mol. of EO) 2-butyloctanol monoester and the ethoxylated (7 mol. of EO) 2-butyloctanol diester of phosphoric acid, the potassium or triethanolamine salt of monoalkyl ( $C_{12}$ - $C_{13}$ ) phosphate, potassium lauryl phosphate as a 40 % aqueous solution, and their mixtures.

5. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of the phosphate surfactant(s) ranges from 1 % to 50 % by weight of active material based on the total weight of the composition.

6. The composition according to Claim 5, wherein said amount of the phosphate surfactant(s) ranges from 1.5 % to 20 % by weight.

7. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the foaming nonionic surfactant gives a foam height  $H \geq 3$  cm.

8. The composition according to Claim 7, wherein the foaming nonionic surfactant gives

a foam height  $H \geq 5$  cm.

9. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the foaming nonionic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of polyglycerolated fatty alcohols; esters of fatty acids and polyols; alkoxylated alkamides; glucamine derivatives; alkylpolyglucosides; and their mixtures.

10. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of nonionic surfactant(s) ranges from 1 % to 50 % by weight of active material based on the total weight of the composition.

11. The composition according to Claim 10, wherein the amount of nonionic surfactant(s) ranges from 1.5 % to 20 % by weight of active material based on the total weight of the composition.

12. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the cationic polymer is selected from the group consisting of homopolymers and copolymers of acrylic esters, methacrylic esters and amides comprising an anion derived from an inorganic or organic acid ; polymers of alkyldiallylamine or of dialkyldiallylammonium; quaternary polymers of vinylpyrrolidone, of imidazole, of vinylimidazole or of methylvinylimidazole; vinylpyrrolidone polymers comprising methacrylamidopropyltrimethylamine or methacrylamidopropyltrimethylammonium units; and their blends.

13. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the cationic polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyquaternium-5, polyquaternium-6, polyquaternium-7, polyquaternium-10, polyquaternium-11, polyquaternium-15, polyquaternium-16, polyquaternium-22, polyquaternium-28, polyquaternium-39, polyquaternium-44, polyquaternium-46, polyquaternium-47 and their blends.

14. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of cationic polymer(s) ranges from 0.01 % to 5 % by weight of active material with respect to the total weight of the

composition.

15. The composition according to Claim 14, wherein the amount of cationic polymer(s) ranges from 0.05 % to 2 % by weight of active material with respect to the total weight of the composition.

16. The composition according to Claim 1, which comprises (1) at least one phosphate surfactant selected from the group consisting of monolauryl phosphate, the potassium salt of dodecyl phosphate, the octyl monoester and octyl diester of phosphoric acid, the ethoxylated (7 mol. of EO) 2-butyloctanol monoester and the ethoxylated (7 mol. of EO) 2-butyloctanol diester of phosphoric acid, the potassium or triethanolamine salts of monoalkyl (C<sub>12</sub>-C<sub>13</sub>) phosphate, or potassium lauryl phosphate, (2) at least one foaming nonionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of alkylpolyglucosides and polyglycerolated fatty alcohols, and (3) at least one cationic polymer selected from the group consisting of polyquaternium-5, polyquaternium-47, polyquaternium-7, polyquaternium-39, polyquaternium-28 and polyquaternium-44.

17. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition comprises at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of lower alcohols, polyols, sugars and their mixtures.

18. The composition according to Claim 1, which further comprises at least one thickening agent.

19. A method for cleansing and/or removing make-up from the skin, scalp and/or hair, comprising:

applying the cleansing composition of Claim 1 to the skin, scalp or hair; and then rinsing the skin, scalp or hair to remove the cleansing composition.

20. A method for scrubbing and/or exfoliating the skin or scalp, comprising:  
applying the cleansing composition of Claim 1 to the skin or scalp; and then

rinsing the skin or scalp to remove the cleansing composition.

21. A method for cleansing the skin or scalp of grime, comprising:

applying the cleansing composition of Claim 1 to the skin or scalp; and then

rinsing the skin or scalp to remove the grime and cleansing composition.

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22. A method for cleansing the skin, scalp or hair of grease, comprising:

applying the cleansing composition of Claim 1 to the skin, scalp or hair; and then

rinsing the skin, scalp or hair to remove the grease and cleansing composition.

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